

From: Douglas Domenech
To: [Bowman, Randal](#)
Cc: [SIO, Scheduling](#); [Timothy Williams](#)
Subject: Re: Request for appointment on Pacific marine monuments from Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council
Date: Thursday, August 31, 2017 7:46:41 AM

Perhaps we should have Randy or Downey call them.

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On Aug 31, 2017, at 8:02 AM, Bowman, Randal <randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

I am familiar with the Councils, which are advisory groups to NOAA established by statute. However, Doug is correct, the comment period - which is also the time in which we would normally meet with interested parties - is long closed, and the Secretary has already delivered his recommendations to the President.

While this review process is not technically subject to the same legal requirements as a rule-making, we have followed those requirements throughout the process. I do not see any point in making an exception for this group.

On Thu, Aug 31, 2017 at 6:40 AM, Douglas Domenech
<douglas_domenech@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

These Councils are quasi government agencies. They exist in both the Atlantic and Pacific. I don't know what WestPac thinks about the monuments but isn't it too late?

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On Aug 30, 2017, at 11:26 PM, SIO, Scheduling
<scheduling_sio@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Are you familiar with this group? Thanks! Leila

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From: **Sylvia Spalding** <sylvia.spalding@noaa.gov>

Date: Mon, Aug 28, 2017 at 5:38 PM

Subject: Request for appointment on Pacific marine monuments
from Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council

To: scheduling@ios.doi.gov

Cc: Kitty Simonds <kitty.simonds@wpcouncil.org>

To whom it may concern:

On behalf of Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director of the Western

Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council, we wish to request a brief phone or in-person meeting with Secretary Ryan Zinke regarding the 740,313,169 acres of marine national monuments in the Pacific currently under review. This acreage constitutes more than half of the federal waters in the US Pacific Islands and 98 percent of area under monument review.

The Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council has authority over these fisheries under the Magnuson-Stevens Fisheries Conservation and Management Act. The US fisheries in this region produce 80 percent of the nation's fresh domestic bigeye tuna and 50 percent of its yellowfin tuna and swordfish. The fishing sector also accounts for 52 percent of the American Samoa gross domestic product.

Given the time-sensitive nature of the monument review, we look forward to timely response.

Thank you,

Sylvia Spalding for Kitty M. Simonds

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